

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Self-Administration of Oral Medication Review

Individual:		Residence/Site:		
Review time	Reviewer	Credential	Date	
1				
2				
3				
SCORING: If the individual can complete the task independently (without verbal prompts or manual assistance), place a 'Y' in the assessment results column. If the individual cannot complete the skill or requires verbal or manual guidance, place a 'N' in the assessment results column. An individual is not considered 'independent' in self-administration of oral medications unless all items are rated as 'Y'.				
Does the individual complete the following steps independently (without verbal prompts or manual assistance)? Record a Yes ('Y') or No ('N') in the appropriate column.				
Item		Review Time		
FOR ORAL MEDICATION		1	2	3
Preparation:				
Recognizes the time the medication is to be taken (e.g., tells time; associates with a particular activity)				
Identifies when medications need to be reordered and notifies appropriate person OR a system is in place to support the individual in re-ordering medication				
Washes hands				
Obtains appropriate fluids or food needed to ingest the medication				
Identifies correct medication container(s)/bottle(s)/blister pack(s)/medication organizer and removes from locked storage space				
Identifies the purpose of each medication				
Identifies the most common side effects of each medication				
Identifies if the medication is taken whole, chewed, or by other method				
Identifies who to contact if problems with medication occur				
Rechecks that the medication container(s) selected are correct.				
Opens the correct container(s) /compartment				
Removes the correct dose from the container(s)/bottle(s)/blister pack(s)/ compartment independently. (For liquid medication, accurately pours the correct amount of medicine into a medication cup.)				
Closes the medication container(s)				
Returns the medication containers to the appropriate locked storage space				
Taking the medication:				
Places medications in mouth without spilling				
Sips enough water or other fluid to swallow medication				
Takes medication properly, swallowing medication completely				
Documents medications taken on Medication Administration Record (MAR)				
Clean up:				
Wipes off counter				
Returns MAR to proper location				
Washes hands				